

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Absent 1 - Member Calabresa

Others present:

Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator

Mike Waller, State's Attorney

Jennifer Witherspoon, Chief, Lake County Jail

Rick Riddle, Lake County Jail

Kevin Lyons, Sheriff's Department

Gary Gordon, Finance & Administrative Services

Mike Wheeler, Finance & Administrative Services

Mike Gavin, Finance & Administrative Services

Rich Henschel, Finance & Administrative Services

Dave Serdar

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the pledge.

3. Approval of Minutes

[10-0437](#)

Minutes of April 6, 2010

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Lawlor, to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Added to Agenda

None.

6. Old Business**7. New Business**

Member Gravenhorst made a motion to move Item 7.10 to the beginning of the Agenda; seconded by Member Cunningham. The motion carried unanimously.
STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.10 [10-0396](#)

Joint resolution seeking approval for the execution of a new Court Improvement Grant agreement, originating from a US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Administration for Children, Youth and Families grant program, administered through the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts on behalf of the Illinois Supreme Court, and

authorizing an emergency appropriation for a total award of \$196,336 in federal funds for performance period of 17 months from May 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller. Mr. Waller reported that there was no county match required for this grant. Mr. Waller took questions from the Committee.

A motion was made by Member Gravenhorst, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Angola Prison Presentation

Chair Audrey Nixon introduced the presentation and provided history and background. Chief Jennifer Witherspoon and Mr. Rick Riddle introduced the DVD on Angola Prison. Following the DVD Chief Witherspoon spoke about her experience when she visited the prison. Chief Witherspoon noted that the Lake County Jail is the first county in Illinois to use some of the programs that we saw there. One of the programs is the Malachi Dads program - a four week long learning session where inmates learn how to be fathers. Chief Witherspoon advised that they will have an official visiting from the Illinois Department of Corrections on May 17 who is interested in observing our program so that it can be offered at Illinois state prisons.

CIRCUIT CLERK

7.1 [10-0392](#)

Report of Sally Coffelt, Circuit Clerk, for the month of February 2010.

This matter was received and placed on the consent agenda

7.2 [10-0391](#)

Report of Sally Coffelt, Circuit Clerk, for the month of March 2010.

This matter was received and placed on the consent agenda

CORONER

7.3 [10-0360](#)

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the month of March 2010.

This matter was received and placed on the consent agenda

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.4 [10-0386](#)

Report of Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month on February 2010.

This matter was received and placed on the consent agenda

7.5 [10-0387](#)

Report of Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of March 2010.

This matter was received and placed on the consent agenda

SHERIFF**7.6 [10-0344](#)**

Report of Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff, for the month of March 2010.

This matter was received and placed on the consent agenda

7.7 [10-0374](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Wildwood Park District for the purpose of providing Sheriff's Marine Patrol Services to the Park District.

Presented by Kevin Lyons. Mr. Lyons took questions from the Committee.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Gravenhorst, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.8 [10-0381](#)

Ordinance authorizing the Lake County Sheriff to enforce the Illinois Vehicle Code on the private streets and roads in the Antioch Golf Course Community.

Ms. McEwan explained that the Sheriff has had a simplified agreement to patrol the private roads of this subdivision for a few years and has charged the subdivision the annually approved special duty rate. The State's Attorney recommended that the Sheriff formalize the agreement with a contract. According to the law, the Sheriff can patrol private roads with the approval of the county Board and a request of the subdivision.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.9 [10-0399](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to house federal work release inmates in the Community Based Corrections Center.

Presented by Kevin Lyons. Mr. Lyons took questions from the Committee. Mr. Lyons noted that there are only five work release facilities in the entire country that the Bureau of Prisons contracts with and there have been no problems in any of these facilities or with inmates housed.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Lawlor, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Amy McEwan presented an update on the marine patrol contracts that we do annually and the other marine patrol services that cost anywhere from \$500,000 to \$622,000 that are predominantly provided from May through September with the majority of the work on the Chain of Lakes. We have a contract with the Fox Waterway Agency; they deal mainly with environmental issues. They do not have an entity that enforces law; that's the County Sheriff. The local municipalities that are out there do not provide marine patrol services; the entire burden of marine patrol services is on the County. The IDNR and the state police have a very limited presence on the chain. We have been working on a better way to get our costs covered for marine patrol services and right now our contract with the Fox Waterway Agency is just to enforce their stickers and ordinances for \$45,000 and our cost is \$600,000. We struggle each year to have this contract increased by 5%. We will be working with McHenry County to seek an additional fee for the Fox Waterway to enact to try to support the Marine Patrol Unit. We will be approaching the Fox Waterway Agency Board seeking to increase those fees. Ms. McEwan took questions from the Committee. She advised that they will be putting a proposal together and providing more information at a later date.

Ms. McEwan asked that members advise her if they are unable to attend the July 6 meeting.

Ms. McEwan advised that the first phase of the Judicial Facilities Review Project has been completed. Ms. McEwan reminded that this project involved looking at the operations of our entire court system and how it works together as well as facility needs. Ms. McEwan advised that the final aim is to get folks out of our jail faster; to have the adjudication process move along more efficiently. Ms. McEwan took questions from the committee.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law & Judicial Committee